

Senate Resolution 308

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Thomas of the 54th and Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Charles B. Gillespie, M.D.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles B. Gillespie, M.D. is considered by many as the grandfather of
3 emergency medical services in the State of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Gillespie has been involved with the development, organization, oversight,
5 and conduct of emergency medical services since shortly after beginning his orthopedic
6 practice in Albany in 1966 and well past his retirement in 1997; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Gillespie was appointed by Governor Jimmy Carter to chair the first
8 Georgia Emergency Health Section Advisory Council (EHSAC), now known as the Georgia
9 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (EMSAC), to advise the Department of
10 Human Resources on the operation of emergency medical services, and he worked closely
11 with the Governor to create a regulatory office for emergency medical services; and

12 WHEREAS, State Public Health Director Dr. Patrick J. Meehan appointed Dr. Gillespie to
13 serve on the first organized Georgia Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors
14 Advisory Council as a subject matter expert on the history and evolution of emergency
15 medical services; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Gillespie is the author of the EMT oath, used worldwide by emergency
17 medical service organizations, and is the creator of the Georgia cardiac technician course
18 curriculum; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services, Inc., in conjunction
20 with the Southwest Georgia Region 8 EMS Council, honored Dr. Gillespie by naming one
21 of the most prestigious state-wide EMS awards the "Dr. Charles B. Gillespie, M.D.,
22 Distinguished Georgia EMS Medical Director Award"; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Gillespie has faithfully given of his time and himself in assisting with the
24 development, progress, and continuation of this essential public service for over four
25 decades.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 commend Dr. Charles B. Gillespie on his dedicated service to emergency medical services
28 and recognize him as the grandfather of Georgia's emergency medical services.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Dr. Charles B. Gillespie; Director of the
31 DHR Office of Preparedness, Dr. J. Patrick O'Neal; Chairman of the Georgia Association of
32 Emergency Medical Services and the Georgia Emergency Medical Services Advisory
33 Council, Courtney Terwilliger; and Chair of the Georgia Emergency Medical Services
34 Medical Directors Advisory Council, Dr. Jill Mabley.